

MARYLAND

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

| REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ | | | | | | COUNTY OF _____ | | | CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ | | |
| I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) | | | | | | 6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) | | | | | |
| a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) | | | | | | b. SEX c. RACE | | | | | |
| d. DATE OF BIRTH | | | | | | e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | | | | | |
| f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) | | | | | | 7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) | | | | | |
| 2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP | | | | | | c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) | | | | | |
| 3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) | | | | | | a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY | | | | | |
| b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) | | | | | | M M D D Y Y | | | | | |
| c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE | | | | | | d. STATE | | | | | |
| e. COUNTY OR PARISH | | | | | | f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) | | | | | |
| 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT | | | | | | j. DATE | | | | | |
| 9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) | | | | | | DATE SIGNED | | | | | |

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter “N/A” if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your Maryland voting residence. A post office box is insufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: “on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station.” This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county to which this application is being mailed.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address.

It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. Generally, you must list a party affiliation to vote in primary elections. If you do not list a party affiliation, you will be registered as a “decline to affiliate.” Political party affiliation is not required if you are only requesting an absentee ballot for a general election. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation, you must submit a completed FPCA, including your new political party choice or “none,” to the local election official not less than 84 days before the primary.

E. Check ONE box

F. You must sign the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Maryland and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

To register and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the local board of elections so that it is postmarked not later than the 21st day before the next election (the date on which registration closes).

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA or other written correspondence to the local board of elections so that it arrives not later than the Tuesday before the election. Any written correspondence must contain your signature, your name and mailing address, any Maryland residential address and your date of birth, and must state that you will be out of the jurisdiction on election day.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Make sure your voted ballot is postmarked not later than the day before the election. Your voted ballot must arrive at the local board of elections according to the following timetable:

- Non-presidential primary election or special primary election - not later than 4 p.m. on the Wednesday following election day.
- General election or special election (ballot mailed from within the U.S.) - not later than 4 p.m. on the Wednesday following election day.
- General election, Presidential primary election, or special election (ballot mailed from outside the U.S.) - not later than 4 p.m. on the second Friday following election day.

Local election officials mail absentee ballots approximately 30 to 40 days before the election.

You must sign an oath stating your eligibility to vote by absentee ballot when you return a voted absentee ballot. The oath states: "Under penalty of perjury, ... I have reason to believe that I will be unable to vote in person on the day of such election and am entitled to vote by absentee ballot under Article 33 of the Maryland Code or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; that I have not voted nor do I intend to vote elsewhere in this election."

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

Registration and voting materials need not be notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Maryland allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail. You may not submit the FPCA for registration by fax.
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Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use only the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

F. Application For Ballot By Proxy

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Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

The application must be made under penalty of perjury and must specify the reason for absentee voting. A qualified applicant may designate an agent to pick up and deliver the absentee ballot. The agent:

- must be at least 18 years old
- may not be a candidate on the ballot
- must be designated by the voter in writing and signed under penalty of perjury
- must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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- civilian employees of the U.S. Government serving outside the U.S. and their spouses and dependents (who are eligible for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- members of the American Red Cross, Society of Friends, or USO serving with the Armed Forces outside the U.S. and their spouses and dependents (who are eligible for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- other overseas citizens (who are eligible for Federal office ballots only)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

The following persons may not register or vote:

- A person serving a sentence, or on parole or probation, based on conviction of an infamous crime (any felony, treason, perjury, or any crime involving an element of deceit, fraud, or corruption)
- A person convicted more than once of an infamous crime, unless the person has been pardoned
- A person under guardianship for mental disability
- A person convicted of buying or selling votes

B. Statewide Voter Registration; Removal From Voter Rolls

Maryland voter registration applies statewide. It is not necessary for a voter who is registered in one Maryland county to re-register when the voter moves to a different Maryland county. However, it is the responsibility of the voter to notify Maryland of the change of address not later than the deadline to register to vote before the election. If it is apparent that a person has moved out of Maryland entirely, they can be removed from the voter

rolls for failing to provide a current address and then failing to vote in two general elections.

C. Action on FPCA Requests

A qualified voter is registered in the county of the voter's Maryland residence and is provided an absentee ballot as requested.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

A person denied registration may appeal to the county circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the board of elections in the county of the voter's Maryland residence at the appropriate address listed below:

| County | County Seat | Zip Code |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Allegany | 701 Kelly Road, Suite 213 | |
| Anne Arundel | Cumberland P.O. Box 490 | 21502-3401 |
| Baltimore City | Glen Burnie Benton Office Bldg., Room 129 | 21060-0490 |
| Baltimore County | 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore | 21202-3432 |
| Calvert | 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Suite 310 Towson | 21204-4408 |
| Caroline | P.O. Box 798 Prince Frederick | 20678-0798 |
| Carroll | Health & Public Services Bldg. 403 S. 7th Street, Suite 247 | |
| Cecil | Denton | 21629-1335 |
| Charles | 225 N. Center St. Westminster | 21157-5194 |
| Dorchester | 129 E. Main Street Court House, Rm. 332 | |
| Frederick | Elkton | 21921-5970 |
| Garrett | P.O. Box 908 La Plata | 20646-0908 |
| Harford | P.O. Box 414 Cambridge | 21613-0414 |
| Howard | Winchester Hall 12 E. Church St. | |
| Kent | Frederick | 21701-5447 |
| Montgomery | 203 S. Fourth Street Court House, Room 108 | |
| Prince George's | Oakland | 21550-1584 |
| Queen Anne's | 18 Office Street Bel Air | 21014-3778 |
| St Mary's | 8659 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City | 21043-4126 |
| Somerset | 215 Washington Avenue Chestertown | 21620-1312 |
| Talbot | P.O. Box 4333 Rockville | 20849-4333 |
| Washington | 14701 Governor Oden Bowie Dr. Suite 101 | |
| Wicomico | Upper Marlboro | 20772-3070 |
| Worcester | County Annex Bldg., Box 274 Centreville | 21617-0274 |
| | P.O. Box 197 Leonardtown | 20650-0197 |
| | P.O. Box 96 Princess Anne | 21853-0096 |
| | P.O. Box 353 Easton | 21601-0353 |
| | 33 W. Washington Street Hagerstown | 21740-4834 |
| | P.O. Box 4091 Salisbury | 21803-4091 |
| | 100 Belt Street Snow Hill | 21863-1310 |